

Additionally, this bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to report to Congress about making benefits available for hearing aids and services.

In order to recruit and retain federal employees, it is necessary to provide them with a first class health care system. Many health plans for employees in the private sector include dental, vision, and hearing coverage. This bill will help federal employees enjoy a health care system that is on par with the private sector.

This bill is important to improve and expand the current health care available to federal employees, and will send an important signal that Congress and the American people continue to value the hard work and the health of those serving our government.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 0210

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.

#### HOOR OF MEETING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on this legislative day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Saturday, October 9, 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 0936

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 9 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-772) on the resolution (H. Res. 846) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 7:00 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for October 7 and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 854. An act to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

H.R. 2828. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.

H.R. 5122. An act to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 2 terms.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 33.—An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites.

S. 1791.—An act to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2178.—An act to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs.

S. 2415.—An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building".

S. 2511.—An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 2742.—An act to extend certain authority of the Supreme Court Police, modify the venue of prosecutions relating to the Supreme Court building and grounds, and authorize the acceptance of gifts to the United States Supreme Court.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 7, 2004, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 4011. To promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4850. Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today at noon.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10260. A letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Transactions (RIN: 3038-AB45) received September 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10261. A letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Collection of Claims Owed the United States Arising From Activities Under the Commission's Jurisdiction (RIN: 3038-AC03) received September 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10262. A letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — Correction to Regional Office Information, Reference to Section 4D(2) and Criteria for CPO Registration Exemption — received July 23, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10263. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Wood Packaging Material [Docket No. 02-032-3] (RIN: 0579-AB48) received September 22, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10264. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tuberculosis in Cattle; Import Requirements [Docket No. 03-081-2] received August 30, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10265. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's